## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A novel GBS toxin receptor[[,]] and methods for its preparation and use are provided. GBS toxin receptor polynucleotides and polypeptides <u>and antibodies to GBS toxin receptor</u> are provided, as well as detection, screening, and therapeutic methods and pharmaceutical compositions involving such polynucleotides, <u>and polypeptides and antibodies</u>.